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1. LAND DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES PASSED WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT. THE GOVERNMENT
PRESS BULLETIN ISSUED ON THIS UNEVENTFUL DAY READS
AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

2. (JERUSALEM) -- " THE SLOGAN WAS: BUSINESS AS USUAL,"
SAID THE COMMANDER OF NORTHERN DISTRICT, ISRAEL POLICE,
COMMANDER MORDECHAI RON, TODAY (WEDNESDAY). AND, INDEED,
LABORERS LEFT THEIR VILLAGES TO REPORT TO WORK, AND
PUPILS TRUNED UP A SCHOOLS AS USUAL. PROCESSIONS AND
MEETINGS IN GALILEE WERE HELD ACCORDING TO PERMITS
GRANTED, IWHTOUT INCIDENTS, WHICH GOES TO SHOW THAT
THE SILENT MAJORITY DID NOT INTEND TO INTERFERE WITH
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LAW AND ORDER.

3. IN THE TRIANGLE, EXPECIALLY AT JA'AT AND BAK'A
EL GHARBIYE, YOUNGSTERS WHO TIRED TO BLOCK ROADS AND
VILLAGE CENTERS WERE DISPERSED BY THE POLICE. THESE
ATTEMPTS WERE NOT SUPPORTED BY ADULTS OR INSTITUTIONS.

4. SOME PERSONS WERE DETAINED, ESPECIALLY AT BAK'A EL GHARBIYE, IN ORDER TO RESTORE ORDER AND TO KEEP OPEN ALL TRAFFIC LANES. TRAFFIC CONTINUED UNDISTURBED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TODAY.

5. ALL SERVICES INCLUDING SICK FUNDS, ELECTRIC CORPORATION, POST OFFICES, ETC., FUNCTIONED AS USUAL. " WE BELIEVE THAT THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE POLICE, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCES, CONTRIBUTED TO THE WAY IN WHICH THIS DAY HAS PASSED, AND DETERRED HOOLIGANS FROM DISTURBING PUBLIC ORDER, EXCEPT FOR MINOR INCIDENTS," COMMANDER RON SAID.

6. NAZARETH AND ALL OF GALILEE REMAINED QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DAY. END TEXT

7. THE JERUSALEM POST AND HEBREW LANGUAGE PAPERS CARRIED THE SAME THEMES PLAYING-UP THE ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE.

8. EMBOFF, WHO VISITED GAZA MARCH 31, WAS TOLD BY MAYOR SHAWWA THAT MILITARY FORCES WERE OUT IN STRENGTH IN THE CITY YESTERDAY AND THAT HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPTS BY SHOPKEEPERS TO STRIKE EARLY IN THE MORNING HAD FADED AWAY BY MID DAY.
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